

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

I. Status of the Claims

Claims 1-17 are pending in this application. Claims 1-17 are subject to a Restriction Requirement. No new matter has been added.

II. Response to the Restriction Requirement

The Examiner has restricted the pending claims into the following two groups:

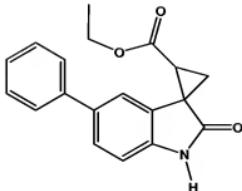
| <u>Group #</u> | <u>Claim Numbers</u> |
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| I. | 1-10 |
| II. | 11-17 |

The claims are restricted into two groups. Applicants elect Group I for prosecution on the merits. The claims of Group I are drawn to products of Formula I. Each of claims 1-10 fall within Group I.

The election of the claims of Group I is made with traverse. Claims 1-17 emerge from a common inventive concept and Applicants respectfully submit that searching the compounds of claims 1-10 as well as the methods of claims 11-17 would not be an undue burden on the Examiner.

a.) Election of Species

Applicants elect the species described as compound 16 in Figure 1D as the starting point for the search. This compound is described by claim 6 when R^{11} is unsubstituted ethyl, R^6 is H, R^6 is H and R^3 is unsubstituted phenyl. This translates into the following structure:



CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing, Applicants believe all claims now pending in this Application are in condition for allowance. The issuance of a formal Notice of Allowance at an early date is respectfully requested.

If the Examiner believes a telephone conference would expedite prosecution of this application, please telephone the undersigned at 415-442-1000.

Respectfully submitted,

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